



December 3, 2012

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: United States Cellular Corporation

WT No 12-69

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral ex parte presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceedings. On November 29, 2012, representatives of U.S. Cellular including Jeff Baenke, Senior Director – Technology Development, Roberto Yanez, Director – RF Engineering; and the undersigned, along with Dominic Villecco of V-Comm met with Jim Schlichting, Tom Peters, Tom Tran, Maria Kirby, Bill Stafford, Don Johnson and Nese Guendelsberger of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

During the course of that discussion, we discussed the points summarized in the attached presentation and urged the Bureau to work with the FCC to adopt an interoperability rule as soon as possible.

In response to a question from the Bureau, we indicated that based upon our device testing to date, we believe all of our current commercially deployed band 12 devices would pass band 17 interference testing consistent with 3GPP specifications.

We also discussed the interplay between an interoperability order and our future deployment plans including the eventual deployment of VoLTE. We indicated that U.S. Cellular is currently testing VoLTE and expects to move forward with VoLTE deployments at some point in the future.

We stressed the fact the coming deployment of VoLTE in 2013 and 2014 will minimize the current handset disparities between GSM and CDMA carriers and that such a development increases the importance to CDMA carriers of having AT&T devices capable of interoperating with Band 12.

In the course of discussing the recent V-Comm testing in the record, we indicated that such testing was conducted under conditions that came within approximately 10 miles of the applicable Channel 51 broadcast tower in Waterloo, Iowa and that, contrary to the recent arguments of AT&T, such distances were appropriate to accurately judge interference levels.

Sincerely,

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